Hon. Commissioner for Patents Clexandria, VA 22313-1450

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REQUEST FOR A CONTINUATION (DIVISIONAL) APPLICATION OF PARENT APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 09/752,360 FILED December 20, 2000 Under 37 CF 1.53(b).

Transmitted herewith for filing is a continuation (divisional) patent application of:

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Enclosed are:

- [X] 23 pages of Abstract, specification, claims; copy of parent application's signed declaration with Power of Attorney (1 page).
- [X] 11 A4 size soft sheets (Figs. 1-11) of drawings attached to application.
- [X] PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (Please enter before calculating claim fees).
- [X] An Assignment of this continuation application to SECRETARY OF AGENCY OF INDUSTRIAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY was recorded on Reel/Frame 013701/0826 on 1/24/2003 in parent application 09/752,360.
- [X] IDS and claim of benefit of 35 USC 120: IDS (2 PTO-1449 from parent application) the references are not provided here under 37 CFR 1.98(d) since they were filed in parent Ser. No.09/752,360 relied on for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120, THE BENEFIT OF 35 USC 120 BEING HEREBY CLAIMED.

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[X] CLAIM IS HEREBY MADE OF THE BENEFIT OF THE FILING DATE OF THE Japanese Patent Application No.:150341/2000 filed May 22, 2000 UNDER 35 USC 119 (The priority document was filed in the PTO in the parent Patent Application 09/752,360 on 4/10/01).

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